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1. DEPARTMENT IS FORWARDING FOLLOWING NOTE TO ITALIAN
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EMBASSY. MISSION SHOULD DRAW ON SUBSTANCE IN RESPONSE
TO EEC NOTE VERBALE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT REFERS TO THE NOTE,
NUMBER 10406, FROM THE EMBASSY OF ITALY, DATED DECEMBER
20, 1977, IN REGARD TO USING CODEND LINING WITH MESHES
SMALLER THAN 45MM.

PARAGRAPH 611.50(C) OF THE FINAL 1978 FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS (FEDERAL REGISTER, NOVEMBER 28, 1977, VOL. 42, NO. 228), REQUIRES THE USE OF NETS HAVING A MESH SIZE NOT LESS THAN 60MM, FOR BOTTOM TRAWLING OR NOT LESS THAN 45MM. FOR PELAGIC TRAWLING. A 60MM. MESH SIZE WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE PRELIMINARY 1978 FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS (FEDERAL REGISTER, SEPTEMBER 9, 1977, VOL. 42, NO. 175). THE COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY ITALY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO PROMULGATION OF THE FINAL REGULATIONS--HENCE THE SMALLER MESH SIZE OF 45MM. FOR PELAGIC TRAWLS.

IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE 60MM. MESH SIZE IN THE 1977 FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS (FEDERAL REGISTER, FEBRUARY 11, 1977, VOL. 42, NO. 29), BUT WAIVED THE INCREASE FOR 1977 IN ORDER TO PERMIT FOREIGN VESSELS TO PREPARE NEW GEAR. SCIENTISTS OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVE THAT THE LARGER MESH SIZE WILL PREVENT JUVENILE MORTALITY OF FINFISH OF COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. THE SMALLER MESH SIZE FOR PELAGIC FISHING IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE TRAWLING FOR SQUID ABOVE THE SEAFLOOR. RESULTS OF A JOINT STUDY CONDUCTED BY CANADA AND CUBA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES INDICATE THAT AN INCREASE IN MESH SIZE FROM 40MM TO 60MM RESULTS IN A LOSS OF 2 PERCENT OF ADULT ILLEX SQUID, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT AN INCREASE IN MESH SIZE FROM 40MM TO 90MM RESULTS IN A LOSS OF 28 PERCENT OF ADULT ILLEX. THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO CONDUCT FURTHER GEAR TRIALS IN 1978, AND IS WILLING TO CONSIDER RESEARCH WITH ITALIAN VESSELS. THEREFORE, FOR THE REASONS ABOVE, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH ITALY'S REQUEST TO WAIVE OR DECREASE THE 60MM AND 45MM MESH SIZES. END TEXT.

3. DID MISSION EVER RECEIVE DEFINITE ANSWER ON HOLDING TECHNICAL TALKS (REFTEL PARA 5). FEELING IN NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE IS THAT COMMISSION WOULD ONLY WASTE ITS TIME AND MONEY. CHRISTOPHER

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